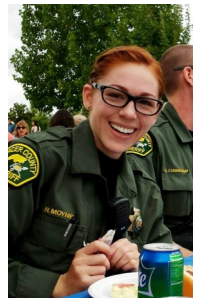




PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT





MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BONNER

It's a great honor to present the Annual Report for 2015. I have had the privilege of working for the County of Placer for over 42 years and being its Sheriff for 22. Oftentimes, when I tell people that, they question my sanity. They correctly report I am old enough to retire and ask why I continue in this role. Good questions!

To answer those questions I only need to look around at the amazing group of people I get to work with. I feel like the General Manager of a championship franchise. The report reflects some of the functions performed by this office, but it is our people who make the difference. Their dedication and passion for service day-in and day-out makes the magic work. Our team consists of all-stars in every position.

Over the years we've changed the rules of the game. We have changed from competitive to collaborative; from win-lose to win-win. In order to accomplish that change in culture we are blessed to be able to work closely with all our public safety partners at city, state and federal levels. We work as a true team in partnership to serve the community.

We are also very fortunate to have an incredible supportive Board of Supervisors on our team. Public Safety is their primary concern and their actions support their words. We are fortunate as a county to have dedicated elected officials in our cities, towns, schools and special districts who all contribute to make this county a winner. And to our citizens who support our efforts in so many ways, I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation. Public Safety is a team sport, and what a team we have.

On behalf of all the men and women of the Placer County Sheriff's Office, I proudly present our Annual Report.



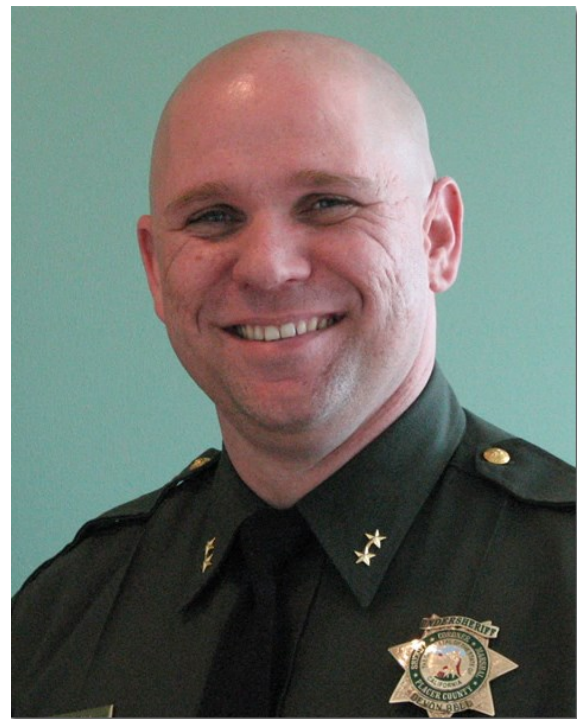


MESSAGE FROM UNDERSHERIFF BELL

Law enforcement has certainly faced numerous challenges over the past few years. There have been a number of critical incidents that have, in some cases, impacted the confidence that communities have in their police agencies. Community policing is based on the relationship between the police and the public. In short, community policing is done in concert “with” the community and not “to” the community.

With this in mind, the Placer County Sheriff’s Office remains committed to maintaining and nurturing our relationship with our community. We recognize that the success of a relationship is based on the character and competence of our employees. This translates to open communication and trust.

As we structure our organization to face the challenges of modern-day policing, we recognize that settling for mediocrity is harmful to our profession. We will strive to hire, promote, and train excellence in order to provide the foundation for excellent community service. Our sheriff family, our police partners, and our community deserve nothing less.



Sheriff's Command Staff

Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Undersheriff Devon Bell

Captain Wayne Woo



Field Operations Division
Commander



Lt Kevin Borden



Lt Darrell Steinhauer



Lt Troy Minton-Sander



Lt John Poretti



Lt Jeff Swearingen

Captain Mark Reed



Support Services Division
Commander



Lt Dave Powers



Jerry Silva, IT Manager



Paul Troxel, Dispo Mgr

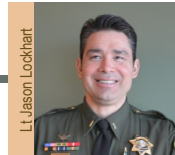
Captain Dennis Walsh



North Lake Tahoe Station
Commander

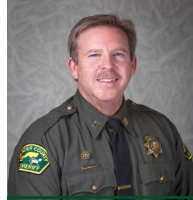


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Lt Jason Lockhart

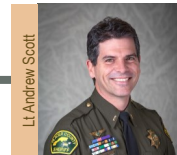
Captain Don Hutchinson



Corrections Division
Commander



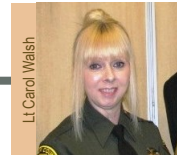
Lt John Savage



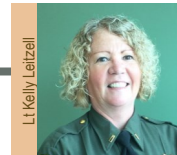
Lt Andrew Scott



Lt Robert Franz

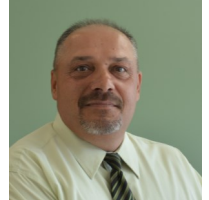


Lt Carol Walsh



Lt Kelly Litzell

Mark Giacomini



Administrative Services
Manager



Staffing Profile

- The Sheriff's Office has a total of 533 allocated positions; **519** of those are filled. Those 519 members work in the Field Operations (148), Corrections/Courts (237), Tahoe (46), and Support Services/Administration (88).
- The Sheriff's Office also has a total of **65** employees that work extra-help on an as-needed basis. The part-time employees work in a variety of assignments throughout the organization.

Calls for Service

- In 2015, Dispatch Services handled a total of **99,505** calls for service. This is an increase of 826 calls over last year. It was an average of 273 calls per day, and an average of 8,292 calls per month.
- In 2015, Deputies responded to a total of **64,006** calls for service. This is an average of 175 responses per day, and an average of 5,333 per month. Total responses also increased from 2014 by 1,008.

Arrests

In 2015, Placer County Sheriff's deputies made a total of **3,101** arrests. Of those, 1,439 were felony arrests; 1,662 were misdemeanor arrests. Total arrests are broken down as follows:

- 273 domestic violence
- 1,165 crimes against persons
- 457 property crimes
- 579 drug offenses
- 234 driving under the influence
- 318 public order offenses
- 75 traffic related

Sheriff's Annual Budget

Patrol & Field Operations = 29%

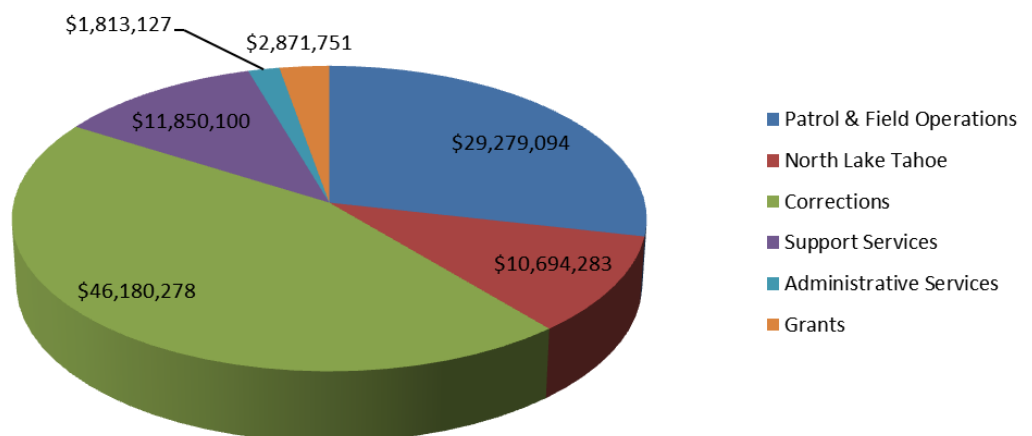
North Lake Tahoe = 10%

Corrections = 45%

Support Services = 12%

Administrative Services = 2%

Grants = 3%



FY 2014-15 Actual Expenditures—\$102,688,633

PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING



Deputy Zach Poiesz

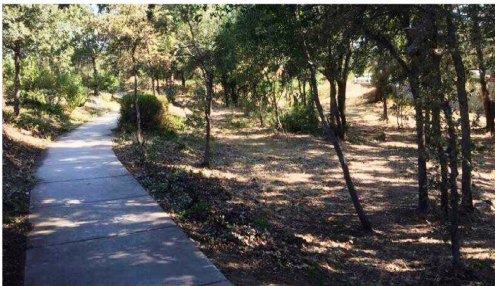
Deputy to Address Problem Areas

In 2015, the Placer County Sheriff's Office appointed a deputy to deal with chronic crime problems in the North Auburn area.

Deputy Zach Poiesz was selected as the new problem-oriented policing (POP) deputy, which is a specialized position created to deal with a range of community problems and crime prevention. That includes dealing with homeless and transient-related issues that are prevalent in North Auburn.

Poiesz is a lifelong Placer County resident and has spent his entire career at the Placer County Sheriff's Office. He has a diversified background, having worked in most every division, including seven years on the drug task force. Poiesz has worked closely with the homeless population in North Auburn for the past year. He is addressing a wide variety of problems such as vandalism, trespassing, theft, and everyday nuisances that interfere with the community's quality of life.

Poiesz partners with various agencies to problem-solve these issues. Those agencies include Placer County Facility Services, Placer County Code Enforcement, Planning Department and building inspectors; Cal Fire arson investigators and other fire departments; Children's Services; the District Attorney's Office; and Placer County Probation Department and State Parole agents. He will also work with PG&E, PCWA, Nevada Irrigation District, Auburn Recreation District and business and homeowners' associations.



Before and after shots of an inmate work crew clean-up at Bell Road and Highway 49

Business Support

Deputy Poiesz and Community Services Officers Amanda Rogers, Kim Rivera and Deputy Stan Semenuk all took part in handing out business safety packets to businesses in North Auburn and the Bowman area.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Awareness Academy

During our spring Community Awareness Academy, participants went hands-on with members of our Special Enforcement Team, or SET. Many attendees commented on the extreme weight of the equipment that SET members wear.

They also took a close look at the TRV, or Tactical Response Vehicle, which is a shared resource by all law enforcement agencies in our county. Our academy is held in the spring and the fall, and is a very popular program.



An academy participant tried on a tactical vest worn by SET members



A young academy attendee tried on the vest with the assistance of Deputy Andrew Lyssand

Coffee with a Cop



Sgt. Ty Conners, commander of PCSO's Colfax Station, met with a longtime community member

In June, more than 50 locals showed up to the "Coffee with a Cop" gathering at the Starbucks in our contract city of Colfax. Members of the Placer County Sheriff's Office and the Gold Run CHP Office held the event to get to better know the members of the community.



Deputy Stephen Barker got to know a Rocklin family that was passing through Colfax

Out & About



North Lake Tahoe CSO Melinda Maehler at National Night Out



Deputy Robert Bliss reading to youngsters



Our volunteers hand out stuffed toys at local hospitals each Christmas

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

South Placer Jail

The South Placer Jail initially opened up Housing Unit 2 and the Minimum Security barracks for a total capacity of 240 inmates. In April 2015, we opened up Housing Unit 3, which holds up to 60 sentenced female inmates. Our current total capacity of at the South Placer Jail is now 300 inmates.

The second phase will include opening Housing Unit 1 (120 Beds) by the end of summer 2016. In coordination with the new arraignment court construction, booking inmates at the South Placer Jail is planned to begin in the spring of 2017.

In November of 2015, the County was awarded a \$9.5 million dollar grant (SB863) which will be used to build a 45-bed mental health unit onto SPJ.

New Officers / Training

Since January 2015, we have hired nearly 30 new correctional officers and deputies to keep up with retirements, attrition, and to build our staffing for the full opening of the South Placer Jail.

The Corrections Division Training Unit has calculated that in 2015, our correctional officers and deputies completed over 7,950 hours of officer training. We also implemented scenario-based training, which gives our officers a realistic approach to training, and better prepares them for many potential dangers they may face in our correctional facilities. The Sheriff's Corrections Division is strongly committed to the safety and security of our staff and inmates.

Inmate Programs

Inmate educational programs under the Corrections Division, in partnership with the Placer School for Adults, have seen a dramatic increase in inmate participation. This partnership of focused and dedicated teachers and Corrections staff is responsible for more high school diplomas and GED certificates awarded in 2015 than in the last 10 years combined.

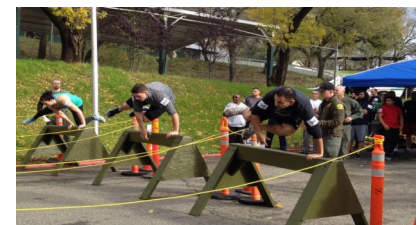
The Corrections Division continues to look for new and innovative ways the inmates can give back to the community. Under the guidance and encouragement of dedicated program staff members, inmates, while continuing to mend jail clothing and bedding, have made hundreds of puppy-training capes and dog vests for Canine Companions for Independence, an organization that helps those with PTSD and other disabilities. They're also helping the dedicated volunteers, doctors, nurses and pilots of Flying Samaritans, who fly decorated jail-made blankets and backpacks—filled with other needed items—to children at various charity medical clinics in Baja, California. Inmates have also machine- and hand-stitched hundreds of stuffed and paintable Christmas ornaments for Rocklin's 2015 annual tree lighting.



A housing pod in the South Placer Jail



Correctional officers monitor all movement in the facility



Testing for new correctional officers



Jail Critical Incident Response Team

INVESTIGATIONS

Cold Case

In 2015, Detectives Bryan Mattison and Chris Joyce re-opened the unsolved homicide investigation of Cheryl Hawkey. Cheryl was a Granite Bay school teacher who went missing after school on Oct. 29, 1993. Two days later, her body was found inside her van, less than a mile from the school. Her killer has never been found.

Sacramento's Fox 40 television anchorman Ty Steele produced a news story on this "cold case" in November. Old forensic evidence from the 22-year-old case was re-tested with the latest forensic technology. A nationally syndicated TV show, "Crime Watch Daily," filmed a segment with both detectives in December. While DNA results are still pending and no arrests have been made, interest in the case has been renewed since the news coverage.



Detectives Bryan Mattison and Chris Joyce during filming of Crime Watch Daily

Double Homicide

On June 25, 2015, the Placer County Sheriff's Office investigated a particularly gruesome double homicide. Two men had been shot in the head, lit on fire, and left for dead in a Roseville neighborhood. They died days later in a local hospital.

Joshua Daniel Smith, 38, of Sacramento, was arrested in early 2016 on two counts of homicide with special circumstances. Smith had been a suspect since early in the investigation. We are very proud of the excellent work by our investigators in this very complex case.

Property Crimes

In June, our burglary detectives were successful in returning stolen property to many rightful owners. With the arrest of a serial burglar in the Granite Bay area, detectives recovered property related to nearly 60 reported burglaries over a one-month period. Those who had filed a crime report showed up and got a chance to look at all the pilfered items. Two contractors recovered lots of tools, some families got their bicycles and golf clubs back. A pilot was even able to get a lot of his specialized, high-end equipment returned.



Evidence technicians lined up recovered stolen property for the public viewing



Detectives Andrew Lyssand, left, and Scott Alford, right, helped a burglary victim get his property back

RECOGNITION & REMEMBRANCE

Deputy James E. Machado

In July, the intersection of Elm Avenue and Highway 49 in Auburn was dedicated to Placer County Sheriff's Deputy James E. Machado, who was killed at that location on July 13, 1978.

Deputy Machado's widow, Nancy, along with their three children - and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren - attended the ceremony. James was killed with his own service weapon by an escaped mental patient. The suspect was shot and killed a short time later.



Deputy James E. Machado



Nancy Machado and her children

Chief Deputy Coroner Dennis Watt

Chief Deputy Coroner Dennis Watt was bestowed the Senator Daniel E. Boatwright Award by the California SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Community. The annual award is given to one individual who has "performed exemplary public service for SIDS, above and beyond the call of duty." The inscription on the award says: "For extraordinary public service on behalf of Californians touched by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome."

Dennis was selected, in part, for his role in bringing training to first-responders & public health officials statewide, on the coroner's role & responsibilities in investigating the death of an infant. He's also working on legislation, with the support of the Calif. State Sheriffs' Assn & the Calif. Coroners Assn., which will broaden the types of infant deaths that fall under current law.



Dennis Watt, center, with Undersheriff Devon Bell and Sheriff Ed Bonner

Police Week—May 2015

Sadly, many from the Placer County Sheriff's Office attended National Peace Officer Week in Washington, D.C., to place the name of Detective Michael Davis, Jr. on the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Mike was shot and killed in the line of duty on October 24, 2014.



Washington, D.C.



Police Unity Bike Tour participants in Washington after their 300-mile trek. They rode in Mike's memory.



California State Police Officer Memorial ceremony in May, where Mike's name was also placed.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Placer County Sheriff's Office is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit.

This will be accomplished through safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships through transparency and education, preventing crime and resolving those crimes that do occur.

We are also responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined within our jail facilities. Other duties include those of marshal, security of the courts, and efficient investigation of coroner cases.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.



CORE VALUES

We will constantly strive to meet the highest standards of **honesty** and **integrity**.

We are a **family** centered organization committed to supporting one another.

We have **pride** in ourselves and take **ownership** of our work.

All Sheriff's Office members will treat each other with **dignity**, **courtesy**, and **respect**, regardless of position or assignment. This leads to identical treatment of the public we serve.

We are **involved** in our **community** and seek to become a part of the world we serve.

We will achieve **professional** performance through continual **training**, **education**, and **commitment** to our duties.

Management and subordinates are mutually **accountable** for their performance.

There will be no tolerance for criminal misconduct by Sheriff's Office members, on or off-duty. Such conduct will **consistently** be presented for legal review.

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